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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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TSANG et al.	)	Art Unit: 1641
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Application No. 09/857,539	)	Examiner: Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen
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Filing Date: June 6, 2001	)	Confirmation No. 6357
	)	
For: REAGENT AND METHOD FOR	)	
DETECTING A CRYPTOSPORIDIUM	)	
PARVUM SPOROZOITE ANTIGEN	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Please consider the remarks, arguments, and preliminary claim amendments offered below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.